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SUBJECT: AMTORG

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1. INFORMATION OBTAINED ON V.A.SEDOV INDICATES HE WAS INVOLVED IN INDUSTRIAL ESPIONAGE IN JAPAN IN 1969. SEDOV APPARENTLY DIRECTED ACTIVITIES OF INDONESIAN NATIONAL NAMED ODENTARA WHO HAD BEEN TRAINED IN MOSCOW BY KGB AND SENT TO TOKYO FOR ESPIONAGE PURPOSES.CASE RECEIVED WIDE PUBLICITY IN JAPANESE PRESS FOLLOWING ODENTARA'S ARREST AND SEDOV FLED JAPAN BEFORE HE COULD BE QUESTIONED BY JAPANESE AUTHORITIES.

2. YOU SHOULD RETURN SEDOV'S VISA APPLICATION AND PASSPORT TO MFA AND INFORM MINISTRY YOU HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO CONVEY THE DEPARTMENT'S VIEW THAT IT WOULD NOT BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF EITHER US-SOVIET RELATIONS OR EXPANDED US-SOVIET TRADE TO RECEIVE SEDOV. YOU SHOULD INDICATE THAT THE DEPARTMENT HOPES A NEW CANDIDATE WILL BE NOMINATED.
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IF ASKED TO EXPLAIN SEDOV'S REJECTION, YOU MAY REFER TO A

HIGHLY-PUBLICIZED EVENT IN JAPAN IN 1969 INVOLVING SEDOV,
IMPLYING THAT THE PUBLICITY GIVEN TO THIS INCIDENT WOULD
MAKE IT INEVITABLE THAT THE AMERICAN PRESS WOULD EVENTUALLY
UNCOVER THE INCIDENT.

3. EMBASSY SHOULD CONSULT MESSRS LAZARUS AND BOWDEN IN

MOSCOW WITH SHULTZ DELEGATION BEFORE TAKING ACTION IN
THIS CASE. KISSINGER

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